



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

Stealing a quote from the weather man, my prediction is a 10 per cent chance of fishing and 90 per cent rain. The only ones enjoying this are the fish. With the lakes higher than ever, the fish are exploring areas where, in the days gone by, their adversary stood casting bait and lures. Checking out the size of some of the lakes, it will prove a problem to find your old hotspots. Bushes and trees are covered in most cases.

One thing you can do is take a week or so and venture down into Mexico. Four of our more hardy members and possible members did just that and came back with stories of hot weather and good shooting and fishing. Helen and Ben Smith along with Susie and Frank Startup, local Bike and Key Shop owners, started at Navojoa, where they shot limits of White Wing Dove, quail and ducks. Even though it was their first time hunting, plenty of birds were taken by Frank and Susie. Blue Pigeons found only at Navojoa and in Spain were part of their bag.

Their next stop was La Pressa, where they found a lake full of bass, from three to six pounds. Also limits. Journeying on over to Mazatlan, for some big stuff, Frank and Susie again had a first. They both caught a Marlin in the 160 pound size. Helen landed her umpteenth, having been there before, while the local sporting goods owner played pasture pool, where he couldn't get seasick. For those who don't know, this is Mexican Golf.

Helen told me there were many Americans traveling the highways of Mexico. Lots and lots of trailers and campers all the way. Maybe we better give it some consideration.

Along the same lines, but in a different area, Paul Smith, Clyde Battrell and Paul's brother, Ray, a refugee from the snow of Idaho, spent two days hunting below Ensenada. Plenty of quail for all. They then traveled over the mountain to the delta area where they had excellent luck hunting. I understand their wives Shirley and Marcella were sunning themselves on the beach.

We had our first steak dinner for members and their wives. It was a howling success. The steaks were a sight to behold. Big, juicy, and tender. I want to compliment Harry Seeman for coming up with this idea. The only catch was Harry got caught in a snowstorm at Crestline and had to miss the festivities. This should make a good story at the next meeting.

Saturday night we have scheduled a Bass Derby at the breakwater. This is the first of the combination fishing and shooting derby's with the Compton Anglers. Sunday will be the shooting end of it.

If you are looking for excitement, take a trip to San Diego and hook one of those lunker sea bass they are catching. Be sure your tackle is up to it, because they don't play around under the boat. These fish are averaging 35 pounds, with the larger ones going to almost 60 pounds. Also mixed in are quite a few yellow tail. So go on down and hang on.

The lakes and streams are too high and the water too dirty for any good results. I am not saying you can't get any, but they will come hard.

For you non-members, our next meeting is Tuesday at 8 p.m. On the corner of Border and Plaza Del Amo. Our last meeting was a going affair. We had some 25 guests, most of whom possibly will become members. A good picture was shown on shooting and fishing. We will look for you Tuesday.

Come on in and tell us you are a guest and I am sure you will be made to feel at home.

Power Boat Race

An offshore power boat race will link Long Beach and Ensenada International. First race is March 22.

The announcement of the race was made by Alexander N. (Sandy) Kemp, president of the sponsoring Pacific Offshore Power Boat Association.

Among Ensenada officials taking part in the luncheon were Emelio Mendez, director of the Mexican Tourist Bureau's Ensenada office; Nico Saad, president of the Ensenada Tourist Committee and Bill Boisson, commodore of the Ensenada Yacht Club.

Start for the 180-mile race will be off Long Beach's Belmont Shore Pier at 9 a.m., and leading finishers are expected in Ensenada harbor about three hours later.

North, South Play In CIF Basketball



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Motorecycle Grand Prix To Be Held

Skip Van Leeuwen of Hollywood will attempt to become the first four-time winner of J. C. Agajanian's annual 100-lap Motorecycle T.T. Grand Prix race at Ascot Park. He faces a 100-rider field in the ninth running of the spring classic next Sunday afternoon.

Fresh from winning the 20-lap National T.T. racing championship at the world-famous Astrodome in Houston two weeks ago, Van Leeuwen is currently leading the national AMA point race.

Only four riders have won the 100-lap T.T. at the Ascot raceway in the eight previous races. Van Leeuwen and Dick Dorresteyn of San Pablo have each taken the sweepstakes three times. Eddie Mulder of Burbank and retired Clark White of Bakersfield have single Triumphs in the longest motorecycle dirt track T.T. race in the nation.

The fastest 33 qualifiers of the day will start the 100-lap feature for expert and amateur class riders.

Van Leeuwen will face his toughest competition from Dusty Coppage of Burbank, the only rider to beat him at Ascot in the last year and a half. Coppage won the season opener in January, then finished second to "The Flying Dutchman" in the February race.

Other top rated riders expected to compete are Mert Lawwill of San Francisco, winner of last fall's eight-mile National at Ascot; Dan Haaby of Sacramento, the 1967 eight-mile champion at Ascot; Mark Brelsford of San Bruno, currently the hottest first year expert rider in the nation; Gene Romero of San Luis Obispo; Jack Simmons of Lakewood; Cal Rayborn of San Diego; Bob Bailey of Carson; Eddie Wirth of Manhattan Beach; Butch Landguth of San Bernardino; Dallas Baker of Orange, and Jim Berry of Costa Mesa.

Amateur stars are Dave Aldana of Santa Ana and Keith Mashburn of Santa Susana.

Dave Shane Is Leader In Boating

Dave Shane, a Los Angeles restaurant owner who spent three months in a hospital last year to heal a shattered left leg, heads the Pacific Offshore Power Boat Racing Association's first point standings bulletin of 1969.

Shane, 33, injured in an early 1968 offshore event, earned 400 points toward the Casale Perpetual Trophy by driving his Swinger II Thunderbird to victory this month in the first annual Long Beach-Catalina Island Cruise.

Defending champion Bill Cooper of Marina del Rey is third on the standings list disclosed by association president Sandy Kemp of Long Beach. Bakersfield's Darrel Jenkins is second. Next event on the schedule is the race from Long Beach to Ensenada March 22 and the highlight of the racing year is the Long Beach Hennessy Cup classic Aug. 23 as climax to the California International Sea Festival at Long Beach.

Russian Team To Appear For Soccer

This shapes up as the greatest soccer battle in Southern California history, if not the United States!

Dynamo Kiev, the champions of Russia face the greatest array of soccer stars in the United States — the California Clippers at Los Angeles Coliseum Sunday, March 2. Kickoff is 2 p.m.

This is the first appearance in the U.S. for the Russian team.



Officers Installed By Marlin Club

The newly organized King Harbor Marlin Club got its formal start Saturday with Dr. Richard Carlson taking over as president. Other officers include: Frank Eckert, vice president, Keith Carlson, secretary, and Hap Jacobs, treasurer. Thirty-two members were present.

Organizational accomplishments of the club were listed in detail by both Dr. Carlson and his brother, Keith. The club at time of the meeting has 32 members on its dues-paid roster.

A weighing-in station will be installed at the Portofino Fuel dock in early April, through courtesy of the Shell Oil Co. Scales will be purchased out of the club's own funds.

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Wrestling Prelims To Begin

Wrestlers from 30 leagues throughout the Southland will vie at four sites this Saturday for the right to participate in the CIF wrestling championships at Cal State-Fullerton on Saturday, March 8.

Preliminary meets will be held at Arcadia, Pacific, Fountain Valley, and Morningside High Schools. Four wrestlers in each weight classification from each sectional will qualify for the finals.

Girls Can Sign Up For League

The Pacific Coast Bobby Sox Softball League for girls 9 to 15 will hold sign ups Saturday at the Walteria Park picnic tables at 1 p.m.

A registration fee of \$5 and a birth certificate are required.

A general information meeting and final registration will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hillside School Cafeteria. All parents and players are asked to attend the meeting.



FIRST PRESIDENT . . . Holding the first official meeting of the Marlin Club of Redondo is Dr. Richard Carlson, recently elected charter president of the organization. The club has 32 members.

Tartars Go to Arcadia

North High, boasting a 14-0 Bay League basketball record and a 25-2 season mark, moves into the CIF playoffs tonight with a home game against Loyola, the runner up in the Del Rey League. Loyola went 8-2 in league. Notre Dame, which defeated the Cubs twice, had a 10-0 record.

South High will battle Santa Barbara at home. South had a 9-5 Bay League record and Santa Barbara was 10-4 in the Channel League.

Tied for second in the Sky League, Torrance gets a shot at Arcadia of the Pacific League. Both lost three league games, but Arcadia won its championship. The game will be at Arcadia.

Complete pairings in the CIF "AAAA" bracket are: Norwalk at Compton (Saturday at noon on KNBC), Arroyo at South Hills, Chaffey at Troy, Anaheim at Bellflower, Palos Verdes at Ventura, Loyola at North, Crescenta at Morningside, Pioneer at Long Beach Poly.

San Gabriel at Muir, Lakewood at Whittier, Notre Dame, bye; Santa Barbara at South, Centennial at Huntington Beach, Torrance at Arcadia. Santa Fe at Pacific, Sunnyp Hills at Covina.

North High will have Dan Anderson, Harlen Peet, Jim Thomas, Jim Jones, and Art Frasier in its starting lineup. Steve Ton is the first backup man.

Regulars for South High are MacL. Peterson, Mike Cloyd, Brent Barron, Dennis Rector, Jon Shuler, Barry Simon, and Vince Vartanian.

In the Torrance camp are Bob Vernley, Bruce Baker, Greg Jasper, Bill Souza, Jim Fox.

Compton, the defending champion, is unbeaten in 25 games and has a combined varsity and junior varsity victory string of 57 games.

Rookie Heads For Scoring Title in NBA

At the three-quarter mark of the NBA schedule it is apparent Elvin Hayes of the San Diego Rockets will become the first rookie to lead the Association in individual scoring since Wilt Chamberlain performed the stunt in 1959.



SET SHOT . . . Taking aim at the basket in a North High basketball game is stellar guard Jim Thomas, a regular for the Saxons during three championship seasons. North takes on Loyola High tonight at home in the first round of the CIF playoffs. (Press-Herald Photo)

Long Beach Has First Champion

What's next for Long Beach's first world champion, lightweight Mando Ramos who at age 20 became the youngest titlist in the division's history? He knocked out Teo Cruz Tuesday night.

"I'll need a little rest," commented the new king Wednesday in something of an understatement. "Cruz didn't hurt me, mind you, but he did give me a good workout. If he just could punch real hard, he might have been the champ a long time. He certainly throws a lot of punches, but they're not the kind that really hurt."

Jackie McCoy and Lee Prila (Mando's co-managers) think it might be good for me to stay in shape. Dick Young, a capable veteran ring official, slightly miffed at the pro-Ramos' audience reaction when his verdict was announced, had this terse explanation for his scoring: "Cruz' heavy shots were landing and Ramos was doing nothing to avoid them as far as I was concerned, Ramos didn't seem to have learned anything from their first fight." He scored the fight 6-3 for Cruz.

In the first match, however, Mando started slowly figuring that the much older Cruz would run out of gas in the late rounds. Cruz did falter in the late going; but he hadpiled up too much of a lead for Ramos to catch him. This time Mando sped from his corner in the first round like a tiger finding the cage door open.

Also, Mando learned how to fight Cruz, who likes to crouch and has a slashing right overhand that's difficult to defend. He opened up with a series of left jabs and hooks that found the target. Mando obviously did learn something from that first meeting.

Jockey Award Presented to John Sellers

Jockey John Sellers recently received the George Woolf Memorial jockey award at Santa Anita from the widow of the famous "Ice Man of the Saddle" for whom the award is named. Mrs. Genevieve Woolf Cayer presented the trophy, a cast bronze miniature of the lifelike statue of George Woolf that stands in the paddock gardens, to Sellers in abbreviated ceremonies held in the winner's circle.

ATTENDANCE CLIMBS IN PREP PLAY

Following the trend set in past years, attendance at high school football games throughout Southern California soared during the 1968 season, according to figures released from the CIF office.

The survey, conducted by Commissioner of Athletics Ken Fagans, showed an increase of more than 100,000 fans over the 1967 figure, despite competition from two major universities and one professional football team.

"The 1968 attendance survey did not reflect as great an increase in spectator attendance as did the 1967 survey," Fagans noted, "but this could be attributed to several factors."

"We had much more inclement weather in 1968, and our play-offs did not draw as well as the 1967 games did," Fagans continued. "In view of all factors, we were quite pleased to show an increase of more than 100,000 over the 1967 figure."

According to the annual survey, 3,637,485 fans saw football games played by CIF, Southern Section member schools during the 1968 grid campaign. Of this figure, 275,19 were play-off game spectators, and 3,362,296 were in attendance at regular-season contests.

Tryouts Set For Pac-Am Babe Ruth

The Pacific American Babe Ruth League will have its final day of registrations and tryouts at South High School's J. V. baseball field in Torrance on Saturday from noon till 3:30 p.m.

Boys 13 through 15 years of age are eligible to play Babe Ruth baseball.

The franchised boundaries are: west — Pacific Ocean; south — Torrance city limits; east — Crenshaw Boulevard to Lomita Boulevard, Lomita Boulevard to Hawthorne and Hawthorne Boulevard north to 190th Street; north — south side of 190th Street, west to the ocean.

For additional information call player's agent Gerry Sampson at 375-5658 or President Ted Henkel at 375-7708.

Henkel said a "traveling league" is planned for 13-year-olds this season.